

Docket: 6970.02

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| First Named Inventor: | Jeffrey K. Drogue  |                      |
| Appln. No.:           | 10/628,588   |                      |
| Filing Date:          | July 28, 2003  | Examiner: M. Bogart  |
| Title:                | Fluid and Bioaerosol Management Vacuum Connector and System (As Amended) | Group Art Unit: 3761 |

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

I hereby certify that this document is being sent via First Class U.S. mail addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 18 day of October, 2006.

See hereto abov  
(Signature)

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of two (2) months from August 19, 2006 to October 19, 2006 within which to respond to the office action dated May 19, 2006. A check in the amount of \$225.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the extension fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge this fee and any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 04-1420.

Respectfully submitted,

DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP  
Customer Number 25763

Date: October 18, 2006

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**FEET TRANSMITTAL SHEET  
(FY 2005)**



Applicant claims small entity status (see 37 C.F.R. 1.27)

**METHOD OF PAYMENT (Check One)**

Check       Credit Card       Money Order

Deposit Account No.: **04-1420**

Deposit Account Name: **DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP**

For the above-identified deposit account, the Director is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply)

Charge any additional fees or underpayments of fee(s) under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17

Credit any overpayments

Other (please identify):

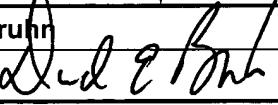
| Extra Claim Fees          |       |                             |           |          |
|---------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Current Claims            | Prior | Extra                       | Fee       | Fee Paid |
| Total                     | - 20  | =                           | x \$      | = \$     |
| Ind.                      | - 3   | =                           | x \$      | = \$     |
| Multiple Dependent Claims |       | x \$                        | = \$      |          |
|                           |       | <b>Total (Extra Claims)</b> | <b>\$</b> |          |

**Petition Fee Under 37 CFR 1.17(f), (g), & (h)**

Enclosed is a Petition filed under 37 CFR as indicated below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Petition Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(f)  | <b>Fee \$400</b> |
| § 1.53(e) to accord a filing date.  |                  |
| § 1.57(a) to accord a filing date.  |                  |
| § 1.182 for decision on a question not provided for.  |                  |
| § 1.183 to suspend the rules.   |                  |
| § 1.378(e) for reconsideration of decision on petition refusing delayed payment of maintenance fee in expired patent. |                  |
| § 1.174(b) to accord a filing date to an application under §1.740 for extension of patent term.                       |                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Petition Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(g)  | <b>Fee \$200</b> |
| § 1.12 for access to an assignment record.  |                  |
| § 1.14 for access to an application.  |                  |
| § 1.47 for filing by other than all inventors or person not the inventor.   |                  |
| § 1.59 for expungement of information.  |                  |
| § 1.103(a) to suspend action in an application.   |                  |
| § 1.136(b) for review of a request for ext. of time when §1.136(a) not avail.   |                  |
| § 1.295 for review of refusal to publish a statutory invention registration.  |                  |
| § 1.296 to withdraw a req. for pub. after notice of intent to publish issued.   |                  |
| § 1.377 for review of decision refusing to accept a maintenance fee filed prior to expiration of a patent.            |                  |
| § 1.550(c) for request for ext. of time in <i>ex parte</i> reexam. proceedings.                                       |                  |
| § 1.956 for request for ext. of time in <i>ex parte</i> reexam. proceedings.  |                  |
| § 5.12 for expedited handling of foreign filing license.  |                  |
| § 5.15 for changing the scope of a license.   |                  |
| § 1.5.25 for retroactive license.   |                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Petition Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h)  | <b>Fee \$130</b> |
| § 1.19(g) to request documents in a form other than provided in this part.  |                  |
| § 1.84 for accepting color drawings or photographs.   |                  |
| § 1.91 for entry of a model or exhibit.   |                  |
| § 1.102(d) to make an application special.  |                  |
| § 1.138(c) to expressly abandon an application to avoid publication.  |                  |
| § 1.313 to withdraw an application from issue.  |                  |
| § 1.314 to defer issuance of a patent.  |                  |

Submitted by:

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